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SUBJECT: ALLIED PROTEST TO SOVIETS ON GDR TURNBACKS ON THE
BERLIN TRANSIT ROUTES

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SUMMARY: ON JUNE 21, FRENCH (CHAIRMAN) POLAD DELIVERED
AGREED ALLIED PROTEST ON GDR TURNBACK OF THREE BUSES HEADED
FOR WEST BERLIN ON JUNE 16 AND 17. SOVIET REPLY WAS NOT
FORTHCOMING. END SUMMARY.

1. FRENCH (CHAIRMAN) POLAD PERRIN CALLED ON SOVIET
MINISTER KHOTULEV IN EAST BERLIN JUNE 21 TO DELIVER PRO-
TEST (TEXT APPROVED IN REFTEL A) ON OBSTRUCTION OF TRANSIT
TRAFFIC TO WEST BERLIN BY GDR ON JUNE 16 AND 17. PERRIN
DELIVERED TEXT CITED PARA 4 OF REFTEL (B).

3. KHOTULEV REPLIED THAT THE ALLIES' DECLARATION SUR-
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PRISED AND "PAINED" HIM, SINCE THE MEASURES WHICH THE
GDR HAD TAKEN WERE FULLY IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 16
OF THE TRANSIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRG AND GDR. ACTION
TAKEN BY GDR WAS DIRECTED AT ABUSE OF TRANSIT ROUTES
AND WAS DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE COMMON INTERESTS OF
GDR AND USSR IN THE FACE OF GROSS PROVOCATION.
KHOTULEV PROFESSED TO BE UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE

THREE WESTERN POWERS SUPPORTED THE "PROVOCATEURS" IN ACTIONS CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE. SINCE THE THREE POWERS HAD NOT HEEDED THE SOVIET WARNING ON JUNE 14, THE GDR HAD JUDGED IT NECESSARY TO TAKE APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDING MEASURES. IN THE FUTURE ANY OTHER ATTEMPTS TO "ESCALATE" TENSIONS IN BERLIN WOULD MEET WITH "RESOLUTE REPERCUSSIONS." KHOTULEV DID NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE ALLIES WERE ABLE TO DEFEND INDIVIDUALS OF THIS CALIBRE.

4. PERRIN REPLIED THAT THE INNER-GERMAN TRANSIT AGREEMENT TO WHICH KHOTULEV HAD REFERRED HAD TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE QA, TRANSIT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE TWO GERMAN SIGNATORIES TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO BERLIN COULD BE ASSURED. ARTICLE 16 CONTAINED A PRESUMPTION OF ABUSE BUT ONE COULD ALSO ABUSE THIS PRESUMPTION OF ABUSE WHICH IS PRECISELY WHAT HAD JUST HAPPENED. PERRIN THEN RECALLED PARAGRAPH 3 OF HIS DECLARATION AND POINTED OUT THAT TO REVERSE THE ROLES AND PRETEND THAT IT WAS THE GDR WHICH RESPECTED THE AGREEMENT AND THAT THE ALLIES SUPPORTED ACTIONS CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE WAS OUT OF PLACE. WHAT THE ALLIES SUPPORTED IN FACT WAS A CERTAIN CONCEPT OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND ASSEMBLY. IN CONCLUSION, PERRIN REGRETTED THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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HE HAD TO REPORT THE MANNER IN WHICH HIS DEMARCHE WAS RECEIVED, INCLUDING HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT IN THE FUTURE THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD SUPPORT VIOLATIONS OF THE SORT HE HAD JUST COME TO DENOUNCE.

5. KHOTULEV NOTED IN CLOSING THAT IF ACCOUNTS OF THE ALLIES DEMARCHE APPEARED IN THE PRESS, THE SOVIETS RESERVED THE RIGHT TO EXPLAIN THEIR POINT OF VIEW.

6. USCOB CONCURS.DAVIS

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